

ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 16, 2006

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Craddock, DDS, Chairperson, Nevada Dental Association

Mark Rosenberg, DDS, MPH

Tyree Davis, DDS, Clinical Manager, Miles for Smiles

Marlena Booth, Dental Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA)

Michelle Kling, RN, Division Director, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)

Mike Johnson, LADC, BS, Saint Mary's Outreach Programs

Betty Pate, RDH, M.Ed, University and Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN), Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association

Shari Peterson, RDH, M.Ed, State Board of Dental Examiners

Tim Ricks, Public Health Service, DMD, MPH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Victor A. Sandoval, MPH, DDS, Professor, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine

Carole Mankey, RN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

Diana Scavacini, Marketing Specialist, WB/Azteca

Joseph Patero, Senior Advocate

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Christine Wood, RDH, BS Oral Health Program Manager, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)

Dennis Murphy, Public Health Education and Public Information Officer, BFHS

Lori Cofano, RDH, Fluoridation Consultant, BFHS

Deborah Aquino, Evaluation Consultant, BFHS

Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS

Denise Leman, Administrative Assistant 2, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Maury Astley, Executive Director, Nevada Dental Association (NDA)

Phil Nowak, Chief, Department of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Sharon Nipp, Health Access Washoe County (HAWC)

R. Michael Sanders, DMD, EdM, State Dental Consultant, UNLV School of Dental Medicine

Mildred McClain, PhD, Assistant Professor, (UNLV SODM)

Robert Talley, DDS, NDA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Patricia Craddock called the Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) to order at **9:15 am** at the Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) in Reno and the University of Nevada, School of Medicine (UNSOM). This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinkead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Elko County Library, Elko; TMCC Reno; UNSOM, Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006

The following corrections were requested; page 3, Goal Eight, should read "statute". Sharon Petersen's last name was spelled incorrectly and changed to Peterson. Dr. Tyree Davis moved to approve the minutes with the changes noted above. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY (DHCFP)
REGARDING HMO CONTRACTS, PROVIDER RECRUITMENT, UTILIZATION DATA AND THE
PROGRESS OF THE MEDICAID DENTAL CLINICAL REVIEW ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE.
POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION IN RESPONSE**

Phil Nowak is representing Chuck Duarte from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP). The analyst position to support the Medicaid Dental program had been approved and recruitment will begin immediately. Dr. Craddock asked Mr. Nowak to explain what it means when he says the position will support the dental program. Mr. Nowak explained this person will be the point of contact for all dental issues and will work very closely with the Clinical Review Advisory Subcommittee (CRAS). One of the responsibilities of this position will be a revision of the dental chapter, which specifies covered benefits. Before chapter changes are finalized, they will go through a formal public hearing process. Dr. Craddock asked if the CRAS will be involved with this. Mr. Nowak answered, absolutely.

As to where the DHCFP is with their HMO contracts, they received responses to the Request for Proposals from Ameri-Group, Anthem, Centene, Molina, Health Plan of Nevada and Nevada Care. The committee that will be evaluating the proposals will have about three weeks from today to complete their evaluations.

Chris Wood asked Mr. Nowak about Medicaid coverage for adults for dental services. Mr. Nowak explained Medicaid has recommended providing comprehensive dental coverage for pregnant women. With respect to the Medicaid recipients who are enrolled with a Mental Retardation (MR) waiver, at this point the DHCFP is working with the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) on this issue. The enrollment is much smaller; averaging 1,200 to 1,300. One strategy would be to limit benefits to a certain dollar amount per year. For example, California has a cap of \$1,800 per year. Ms. Wood asked Dr. Craddock if OHAC would care to submit letters supporting covering dental services for the two groups; pregnant women and MR adults. Dr. Craddock will draft a letter to the Governor in support of providing dental coverage for these two groups. Mr. Duarte and Carlos Brandenburg will need to be carbon copied. Ms. Peterson made a motion and Mike Johnson seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Ms. Wood asked if the Committee would take setting the date of the next meeting out of order on the agenda as Mr. Nowak has to leave. The date was set for September 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

**REVIEW PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH ACCESS WASHOE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER, COMMUNITY COALITION FOR ORAL HEALTH, GREAT BASIN PRIMARY CARE
ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS (UNLV) SCHOOL OF DENTAL
MEDICINE AND PARADISE PARK CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN'S DENTAL
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT APPLICATION AND DIRECTION TO PROGRAM ON
GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Ms. Wood stated she would like to provide some background on a grant opportunity from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The guidance was supposed to be released on April 30, 2006, but it is still not out. When it does get released there will be a 30 day turn around to get the grant submitted. Only one grant application will be accepted per state and the application must come from a government entity (health department, state university etc.) It must be signed off by Health Division Administration. It requires a 40 percent match. HRSA anticipates funding 18 and 20 states for between \$80,000 to 100,000 per year for three years. Due to the short turn around, the fact that only one application can be submitted per state, and the 40 percent match requirement, Ms. Wood decided to contact stakeholders to determine if there were any organizations that were interested in participating in a grant application and that had the 40 percent match. Five organizations responded to her inquiry by the deadline she established for responding. Of the five who indicated interest, four partnered to submit two proposals. Health Access Washoe County Community Health Center (HAWC) and Healthy Smiles Family Dentistry in Yerington partnered on a proposal that was submitted on their behalf by Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA). The Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH) submitted a proposal on behalf of Huntridge Teen Clinic and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine (SODM). Because the total amount of funding requested in the two proposals exceeds the amount available, the OHAC is being asked to decide which organizations to include in the grant application and for what amount of funding. Ms. Wood will actually write the application once the guidance is released, in partnership with the organizations the OHAC recommends including in the application.

After reviewing the proposals, Mr. Johnson made a motion to submit a grant application on behalf of CCOH and Healthy Smiles Family Dentistry. Of the total amount requested, 75 percent will go to CCOH and 25% to Healthy Smiles Family Dentistry. Dr. Ricks seconded. Dr. Davis and Ms. Booth abstained from voting.

MOTION APPROVED. For the record, Ms Shari Peterson, explained that the Committee's decision to not include HAWC in the proposal was that HAWC is a very strong, well established program and the Committee wanted to assist programs that were new or not as well established.

COMITTEE DISCUSSION OF ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT AND DIRECTION TO PROGRAM

Goal One. To Maintain Oral Health Program Leadership Capacity

Ms. Wood stated Thara Salamone, BFHS Statistician, has married and moved to Arizona and is employed with the Arizona Department of Health.

Goal Two. To Describe the Oral Health Disease Burden Health Disparities and Unmet Needs in the State

Ms. Wood stated she had received some very positive feedback on the 2005 Burden of Oral Disease report. Debbie Aquino took the lead in collecting data for and writing the report. Ms. Aquino will start collecting information/statistics for next year's Burden of Oral Disease in July.

Goal Three. To Update a Comprehensive Five-Year State Oral Health Plan

Ms. Wood stated the new draft Nevada Strategic Plan for Health overall does not reflect any of the goals and objectives of the State Oral Health Plan.

Goal Four. To Sustain a Diverse Statewide Oral Health Coalition to Assist in Formulation of Plans, Guide Projects and Identify Additional Financial Resources

Ms. Wood complemented staff of the BFHS, Oral Health Program for their work with the regional oral health coalitions. Ms. Wood mentioned the coalition building workshop held two weeks ago had representatives from every one of the six regional oral health coalitions. Dr. Craddock spoke of her meeting with the Clark County Medical Association. The Association asked Dr. Craddock to talk about the 1DAY program and they seem supportive of the CCOH.

Goal Five. To Enhance the Oral Disease Surveillance System by Continuing To Collect, Analyze and Disseminate Data to Support Program Activity

Ms. Wood stated the dental students at the UNLV SODM have been collecting the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) data for children enrolled in third grade in Clark County. A number of challenges have been experienced. The Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) Dental Hygiene Program and the TMCC Dental Hygiene Program will be assisting with the Head Start BSS next year. The BFHS and the DHCFP are participating in an oral health workgroup established by the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services. They are in the process of developing a survey of agencies that serve individuals with special needs and a survey of Medicaid recipients with special needs.

Goal Six. To Identify Prevention Opportunities For Systematic, Socio-political And/Or Policy Change To Improve Oral Health By Conducting A Periodic Assessment Of Policy And Systems Level Strategies with Potential To Reduce Oral Disease

Ms. Wood stated in regards to the Environmental Assessment tool, the input from the OHAC was used to revise the tool and develop a revised version which is much easier to answer. The responses indicate that stakeholders feel there is a need to increase awareness of oral health and tie it in with general health. Ms. Wood explained she has also sent the Environmental Assessment Report and the State Oral Health Plan to Dr. Burt Edelstein at the Children's Oral Health Project. CDC has contracted with the Children's Dental Health Project to work with the CDC funded states on identifying ways to use the information obtained from the environmental assessment to advocate for policy changes to improve oral health.

Goal Seven. To Develop and Coordinate Partnerships to Increase State Level and Community Capacity to Address Specific Oral Disease Prevention Intervention

There were no questions about this goal and Ms. Wood did not have any additional information to share other than what she had already provided in her written report.

Goal Eight. To Coordinate and Implement a Limited Community Water Fluoridation Program

Ms. Wood stated the agency which conducts inspections of fluoridation equipment is no longer located within the Health Division. It has asked for reimbursement for the costs associated with conducting the fluoridation inspections. This is because the costs they incur when they conduct fluoridation inspections are not covered by the grants that fund their program. Funding to support fluoridation inspections was not included in the CDC

Cooperative Agreement budget for SFY 07 but Ms. Wood will see if carry over funds can be used to cover the cost of the fluoridation inspections. Ms. Wood went on to say Nevada Statutes states that counties with a population of 400,000 or more must fluoridate. According to the State Demographer, Washoe County now has a population of approximately 408,000. The Chair of the State Board of Health (SBOH) has been made aware of the statute and the population estimates. He has recommended the oral health coalition in Washoe County meet with state and local elected officials to discuss the issue of community water fluoridation with them and to determine if support for implementing community water fluoridation in Washoe County exists. If state and county elected officials support doing so, the SBOH would then move forward on the issue. Ms. Wood stated the next regularly scheduled meeting for the oral health coalition in Washoe County (the Northern Nevada Dental Coalition for Underserved Populations or CUSP) is in October. The Chair of CUSP may wish to call a special meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in October.

Goal Nine. To Evaluate, Document And Share State Program Accomplishments, Best Practices, Lessons Learned And Use of Evaluation Results

Ms. Wood stated she had been asked to present at several national conferences. In addition, she is on the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) team at the National Public Health Leadership Institute. The team's project is developing a public health leadership institute for dental public health professionals.

Goal Ten. To Develop, Coordinate and Implement Limited School-Based or School Linked Dental Sealant Programs

Ms. Wood stated that since the contract was approved in February with Nevada Health Centers (NHC) to administer and implement the Seal Nevada North program, NHC has already placed 300 sealants on 47 children. When Nevada's Project Officer from the CDC was in town, she and staff of the Oral Health Program met with representatives from the three organizations that implement school-based dental sealant programs in Nevada. The meeting focused on evaluation of school-based dental sealant programs. It also provided an opportunity for the three programs to share information. There have already been a number of outcomes from the meeting. An annual sealant report will be produced and it will include information on the percent of consent forms returned by the schools participating in a school-based dental sealant program. Preliminary data show that only 17% of high-risk schools (50% or greater eligibility for free and reduced lunch programs) are visited by a school dental based sealant program. Ms. Aquino stated she is working on a cost benefit analysis for school-based dental sealant programs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is September 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. It will be videoconferenced between Reno and Las Vegas; however members of the OHAC who live in the northern part of the state are encouraged to fly to Las Vegas to meet face-to-face with the members who live in southern Nevada.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

At the request of Caroline Ford at the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) Office of Rural Health, Ms. Wood distributed a document entitled "The Oral Health of Underserved Populations," to the OHAC. Ms. Ford has asked the members of the OHAC to review and comment on the paper. Ms. Wood asked members to send comments to her and she will forward them on to Ms. Ford.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **12:10 pm**.